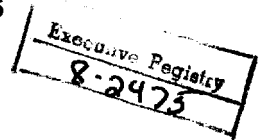


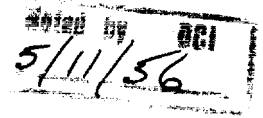
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON



**SECRET**

9 May 1956

The Honorable Allen W. Dulles,  
Director of Central Intelligence,  
2430 E Street, N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.



Dear Mr. Dulles:

A "Situation Room" is to be established in the White House for the purpose of keeping the President and his staff informed of the situation under conditions of "Strategic Warning" or at any time that the Armed Forces of the United States or the United Nations are engaged. During other times the situation room would be maintained in a readiness condition. It is not intended to replace any existing agency, nor undertake operational interference therewith in any manner, but it would receive intelligence digests, briefings, etc., and maintain status maps as necessary for the President's information. It is hoped that such a facility can be made as useful to the various agencies and departments concerned as it will be to the White House.

It is requested that the Central Intelligence Agency furnish the following:

1. Assistance in designing the situation room.
2. The intelligence data necessary to meet the commitments stated above.

A similar request for operational components required is being submitted to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Present plans contemplate that necessary equipment will be installed prior to July, in order that the situation room may be in operation during Operation Alert 1956.

Sincerely yours,

  
EDWARD L. BEACH,

Commander, U. S. Navy,  
Naval Aide to the President.

**SECRET**

16 MAY 1956

Commander Edward L. Beach  
Naval Aide to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Commander Beach:

Reference is made to your letter of 9 May 1956 in which you request that the Central Intelligence Agency furnish assistance in designing a Situation Room in the White House and provide intelligence data to the Room when established.

We will be glad to provide whatever assistance we can in order to have the Situation Room in operation by Operation Alert 1956.

Sincerely yours,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

ODDI: [ ]:jb  
(15 May 1956)

Distribution:

Orig & 1 - Addressee  
2 - DCI  
2 - DDI  
1 - AD/CI

CONCUR:

[ ]

DEPUTY DIRECTOR INTELLIGENCE

**SECRET**

9-7884

7 May 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Establishment of a Situation Room  
in the White House

1. The White House has requested that you (a) assist in the planning and establishment of a situation room in the White House, and (b) provide the necessary intelligence and intelligence information to the White House for the situation room, to be maintained on a current basis.

2. In view of the fact that compliance with 1.(b) above will necessarily involve furnishing, both immediately and on a continuing basis, Order of Battle data, it is recommended that at the IAC Meeting of May 8th you inform the Meeting of the establishment of a situation room in the White House and request the respective services to furnish such OB as may be required directly to the White House concurrently furnishing the Agency with a copy of the data given to the White House. As a matter of procedure, I would suggest that the data for the White House be addressed attention of Commander Beach and that the copy of the data be addressed for the Agency attention of the Assistant Director for Current Intelligence.

[Redacted Signature]

25X1

HUNTINGTON D. SHELDON  
Acting Deputy Director/Intelligence

NEGATIVE REGISTRY FILE *White House - LRS*

**SECRET**

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON**SECRET**

24 April 1956

Lieutenant General Charles P. Cabell, USAF,  
Chairman, Watch Committee,  
Central Intelligence Agency,  
2430 "E" Street, N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Cabell:

It is desired to establish a "Situation Room" in the White House for the purpose of keeping the President and his staff informed of the situation under conditions of "Strategic Warning" or at any time that the Armed Forces of the United States or the United Nations are engaged. During other times the situation room would be maintained in a readiness condition. It is not intended to replace any existing agency, nor undertake operational interference therewith in any manner, but it would receive intelligence digests, briefings, etc., and maintain status maps as necessary for the President's information. It is hoped that such a facility can be made as useful to the various agencies and departments concerned as it will be to the White House.

It is understood that a [ ] of your organization has had experience in setting up such a situation room. Consultation with Mr. [ ] or one of his assistants is requested in order to advise this office as to the physical layout of the Situation Room, the communication requirements and the practicable scope of the project.

25X1

Present plans contemplate that necessary equipment will be installed prior to July, in order that the Situation Room may be in operation during Operation Alert 1956.

Sincerely yours,

  
EDWARD L. BEACH,Commander, U. S. Navy,  
Naval Aide to the President.**SECRET**

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. DULLES

After you have noted I will send this to  
DD/I for action.



10 May 1956  
(DATE)

FORM NO. 101 REPLACES FORM 10-01  
1 AUG 54 WHICH MAY BE USED.

(47)

25X1

SENDER WILL CHECK CLASSIFICATION TOP AND BOTTOM

UNCLASSIFIED 2003/04/30 CIA-RDP80B01676R0004200130035-6

Approved For Release 2003/04/30 : CIA-RDP80B01676R0004200130035-6

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
OFFICIAL ROUTING SLIP

TO	ADDRESS	INITIALS	DATE
1	Mr. [redacted] (Rm BC-956 Pentagon)		
2	Mr. Sheldon		
3			
4			
5			
6			

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACTION	<input type="checkbox"/> DIRECT REPLY	<input type="checkbox"/> PREPARE REPLY
<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVAL	<input type="checkbox"/> DISPATCH	<input type="checkbox"/> RECOMMENDATION
<input type="checkbox"/> COMMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> FILE	<input type="checkbox"/> RETURN
<input type="checkbox"/> CONCURRENCE	<input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION	<input type="checkbox"/> SIGNATURE

Remarks:

FOLD HERE TO RETURN TO SENDER

FROM: NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NO.	DATE
DEPUTY DIRECTOR UNCLASSIFIED 2003/04/30 CIA-RDP80B01676R0004200130035-6	15 April 71

FORM NO. 237  
1 APR 55

Replaces Form 30-4 which may be used.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1955-O-342531 (40)

Approved For Release 2003/01/30 : CIA-RDP80B01676R004200130035-6

SENDER WILL CHECK CLASSIFICATION TOP AND BOTTOM  
UNCLASSIFIED  
CONFIDENTIAL  
SECRET

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
OFFICIAL ROUTING SLIP

TO	NAME AND ADDRESS	INITIALS	DATE
1	DD/I	<i>dh</i>	
2	<i>AD/CS for Action</i>		
3			
4			
5			
6			

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACTION	<input type="checkbox"/> DIRECT REPLY	<input type="checkbox"/> PREPARE REPLY
<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVAL	<input type="checkbox"/> DISPATCH	<input type="checkbox"/> RECOMMENDATION
<input type="checkbox"/> COMMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> FILE	<input type="checkbox"/> RETURN
<input type="checkbox"/> CONCURRENCE	<input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION	<input type="checkbox"/> SIGNATURE

Remarks:  
*Phyl prepare reply for DES  
Lig - Accepting the responsibility.*

FOLD HERE TO RETURN TO SENDER

	ADDRESS AND PHONE NO.	DATE
	229 Admin Bldg.	12 May 56